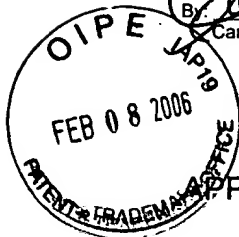


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**AMENDMENT A**

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2005, on the above-referenced patent application, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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